

# Medical Examiner Case Report

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services • Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

## 1. Facility

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## 2. Date of Death

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| MONTH | DAY | YEAR |
|       |     | 20   |

## 3. Sex

- ☐ Male  
☐ Female  
☐ Not documented

## 4. Age

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|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year<br><input type="checkbox"/> Not documented |
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## 5. ZIP Code of Decedent's Last Residence

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Otherwise, select one response:

- ☐ No fixed address (e.g. homeless)  
☐ Institution (e.g. shelter/jail/hospital)  
☐ Outside U.S.  
☐ Not documented

## 6. Place of Death

Select one:

- ☐ Emergency department  
☐ Other health care facility  
☐ Decedent's home  
☐ Public place  
☐ Other  
☐ Not documented

## 7. ZIP Code for Place of Death

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- ☐ Not documented

## 8. Race/Ethnicity

Select one or more:

- ☐ White  
☐ Black or African American  
☐ Hispanic or Latino  
☐ Asian  
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native  
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
☐ Not documented

## 9. Manner of Death

Select the manner of death assigned by the medical examiner:

- ☐ Natural  
☐ Accident  
☐ Suicide  
☐ Homicide  
☐ Could not be determined

## 10. Cause of Death

List the chain of events causing the death. Do not abbreviate. Do not use ICD codes.

(Part I) Immediate cause:

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As a result of:

As a result of:

As a result of:

(Part II) Other significant conditions:

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## 11. Substance(s) Involved

Using available documentation, list all substances that caused or contributed to the death. Record substances as specifically as possible (i.e., brand [trade] name preferred over generic name preferred over chemical name, etc.). Do not record the same substance by two different names. Do not record current medications unrelated to the death.

## Route of Administration

Select One

Mark if confirmed by toxicology test

Oral  
 Injected  
 Inhaled, sniffed, snorted  
 Smoked  
 Other  
 Not documented

## Alcohol involved?

☐ Yes ☐ No/Not documented

| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## 12. Comments

Enter here any questions or issues you have about this case. Do not include information that could identify the decedent.

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